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U.S. Patent Application

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TIME STAMPING METHOD USING TIME-BASED SIGNATURE

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, which includes the following:

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